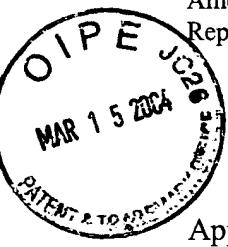


#3/a
W. Lawson
3/19/04



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application. No. : 09/676,381
Applicant : Rezaur Rahman
Filed : 09/29/2000
TC/A.U. : 2611
Examiner : Kieu Ganh T. Bui

Docket No. : 042390.P8797
Customer No. : 8791

Confirmation No. 1947

RECEIVED

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

MAR 17 2004

Technology Center 2000

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of January 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.